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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MORITA ET AL.

Examiner

Sajid A Yussuf

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 August 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 11-223622.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2. 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 11-223622, filed on August 06 1999.

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology

Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mori et al. (6,466,330).

1. As per claim 1 Mori teaches a data communication apparatus capable of connecting a plurality of communication lines, (See abstract and Column 1 Lines 43-46). Mori further teaches of a specification unit for specifying a transmission destination; wherein the specification and transmission unit is a relay controller and a transmission unit for transmitting a plurality of its own address data corresponding to each of the plurality of communication lines to the specified transmission destination, (See abstract and Column 1 Lines 46-59).

2. As per claim 2 Mori teaches the claimed invention as described in claim 1 above and furthermore discloses the transmission unit to transmit the address data together with the image data; wherein the transmission of address and image is interpreted as electronic mail (See Column 1 and 2 Lines 60-66 and 1-14 respectively).

3. As per claim 3 Mori teaches the claimed invention as described in claims 1-2 above and furthermore discloses a receiving unit for receiving at least one

address data or another data communication apparatus, (See Column 2 Lines 45-50), as well as a recording unit for recording the address data received by the receiving unit, (See Column 4 Lines 50-60).

4. As per claim 4 and 8 Mori teaches the claimed invention as described in claims 1-3 above and furthermore discloses a controller for controlling the use of received/recorded address data; wherein the controller is also the relay controller (See Column 2 Lines 45-53).

5. As per claim 5 Mori teaches a method of data communication by specifying a transmission destination and transmitting a plurality of its own address data corresponding to each of a plurality of communication lines to the specified transmission destination, (See Column 4 Lines 50-64).

6. As per claim 6 Mori teaches a data communication apparatus capable of connecting a plurality of communication lines comprising a receiving unit for receiving at least one of the address data of another data communication apparatus, a recording unit for recording the address data received by the receiving unit, (See Column 2 Lines 38-58). Mori also teaches a transmission unit for transmitting at least one of its own address data to the address recorded by the recording unit, (See Column 4 Lines 50-64).

7. As per claim 7 Mori teaches the claimed invention as described in claim 6 above and furthermore discloses the said own address data are corresponding to each of the plurality of communication lines, wherein the own address lines are interpreted as being a fax destination number for telephony

transmission or electronic mail for internet transmission, (See Column 7 Lines 15-29).

8. As per claim 9 Mori teaches a method of data communication comprising a receiving at least one of the address data of another data communication apparatus, as well as recording the received address data and transmitting its own address data to the recorded address, (See Column 7 Lines 7-20).

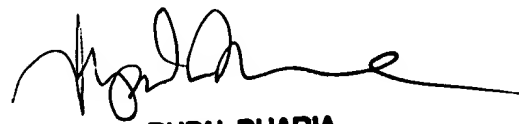
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sajid A Yussuf whose telephone number is (703) 305-8752. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30-5:00 PM and Alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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